GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3275
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FALSE RAILWAY CLAIMS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding false railway claims;

(b) if so, the total number of such complaints received during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) the amount involved therein;

(d) whether the Government have taken any steps to prevent filing of false claims in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Such statistics are not maintained.

(d) & (e): sufficient safeguards have been provided in the procedure to ensure settlement to tenable claims only. If any false claim is detected, necessary action is initiated under Section 149 of the Railways Act 1989 which provides for punishment with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both, against the claimant. Further, action is also taken against the claims agents indulging in such practices by blacklisting them.